



Mountain Flyer

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CALENDAR

5 Feb WV Cadet Color Guard Competition—Air Guard Base, Charleston

11-13 Feb Unit Inspector Training—Mine Academy

19 Feb WV Wing CAC—Shoney's, Flatwoods, WV

26-27 Feb CLC—Wing HQ

11-13 Mar SAREX Training—Parkersburg (PKB)

19 Mar PAO Roundtable—Wing HQ

26-27 Mar WV Wing Instrument Training for Pilots—Wing HQ

1-3 Apr MER Cadet Competition—Ft. Pickett, VA

8-10 Apr WV Cadet Leadership School—Mine Academy

16 Apr WV Wing Flight Clinic—Wing HQ, (CRW)

22-24 Apr SAREX Training—Petersburg (W99)

22-24 Apr MER Region Conference—Richmond, VA

30 Apr Ground Team Field Exercise—Location TBA

6-8 May WV Cadet Curry Camp—Beckley HQ

20-22 May USAF Graded SAREX—Clarksburg HQ (CKB)

28-29 May SLS—Location TBA

WV CAP Finds Crash Site of Drug Plane Near Wheeling Airport

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West Virginia Wing

The West Virginia Wing was notified very early on 19 December of an ELT mission number 04M-2661, that later involved finding wreckage of a small twin-engine plane near Wheeling, WV.

Three members of an UDF team from the Wheeling Composite Squadron left the comforts of home to brave very cold, and snowy conditions to locate a Piper Aerostar aircraft. A spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration told a Wheeling newspaper there was no indication as to the origin of the flight.

Members of the UDF team from WV049 were Col Gene Dalton, Lt Col Jim Atkinson, and 2nd Lt Larry Dotson. Based on two satellite hits, the signal merge placed the location approximately three miles east of the airport near West Liberty, WV. Later, the reception of a positive signal with the ground DF equipment, lead the team to begin searching near the Wheeling-Ohio County Airport terminal.

After checking various hangars, nothing was found. An airport tower controller notified the team that a navigational aid at the approach end of runway 21 was damaged, prompting a search of the area. An airport employee and one of the UDF team members located the crash site in a wooded ravine area near the airport. No one was found on board, and after securing the site and recording the aircraft registration number the USAF Rescue Coordination Center authorities were notified.

Upon further investigation, federal, state and local authorities deemed the crash site a crime scene. Civil Air Patrol's involvement was thus concluded due to federal law requirements. "This is what we train for," said Col Mike Nimmo, Incident Commander for the mission, "The UDF team professionally and competently located the crash."

The story of this mission doesn't end there. Few details have been released about the crash since it was discovered. A news conference by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia, and officials with the Drug Enforcement Agency reported that the plane had 540 pounds of powdered cocaine onboard with an estimated street value of \$24,000,000. The pilot apparently walked away from the crash and has not been found.



Crash Site of the Twin Engine Piper Aerostar near the North End of Runway 21 at Wheeling Airport

Martinsburg Composite Squadron Collects Clothing and Other Items for Wounded Troops From Iraq and Afghanistan

Lt Col Dennis D. Barron
Inspector General
West Virginia Wing

The members of the Martinsburg Composite Squadron took on a very special Christmas project this year after they answered a call for assistance from their counterparts in the Ramstein Cadet Squadron, in Ramstein, Germany. The Ramstein Cadet Squadron was trying to collect clothing, toiletry items, videos, and cash to donate to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), in Ramstein, Germany, for use by our wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center receives wounded troops from the war zones on almost a daily basis. They arrive straight from the battlefield, with only the torn, dirty, bloody clothes on their back. The troops have no clothes, underwear, or toiletry items. The hospital provides them with only a cotton gown or pajamas, robe, and disposable slippers. Some troops stay only a few days before being sent to hospitals stateside, while others are kept at LMRC for several weeks. The military gives the soldiers a \$250 voucher to buy clothing and toiletries at the BX, but many are not ambulatory, and those who are have to wait for a bus to get down to the BX on Ramstein 7 miles away. The BX runs out of the clothing and it takes weeks for more to come in. Those who can go to the BX still need something to wear to get there! The Ramstein Cadet Squadron decided to collect new clothing and toiletries for the soldiers, but needed assistance from CAP units stateside. The cadets from the Martinsburg Squadron jumped at the idea and began collecting items for shipment to Germany just three weeks before Christmas. In no time, the squadron collected over 200 pounds of new clothing, much of it donated by squadron members, and also collected over \$200 in cash to send to the military hospital to buy phone cards and other personal items for the soldiers.

It took eight large boxes to ship all the collected and donated items to Germany. The squadron not only came to realize the true meaning of Christmas during this project, they also recognized how important it is to support our fighting troops overseas. The Martinsburg Squadron, especially the cadet members, did an outstanding job of showing their support to our fighting troops.



Cadets From the Martinsburg Composite Squadron are Shown at Their Christmas Party Getting Ready to Box -up Some of the Donated Clothing and Toiletry Items That Were Sent to Our Wounded Troops in the Military Hospital in Ramstein, Germany

WV CAP Participates in the State Emergency Response Commission Conference Sponsored by the WV Office of Emergency Services

On 2 August 2004, Col Rodney Moody, Col Mike Nimmo, and Lt Col David Brooks attended the 2004 SERC Conference in Charleston, WV. The three CAP members are all certified Incident Commanders and served in a mission staff capacity in a simulated disaster practice exercise.

Director of WVOES Stephen S. Kappa, and his seminar leaders did an outstanding job presenting a varied list of topics such as: Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Bio-terrorism, Crisis Communications, Hazardous Material Security, Emergency Operations Center Procedures, and the Organization of the National Incident Command System.

According to all three men, it was a welcome sight to have so many people together at this conference with each bringing some knowledge of every aspect of emergency services. Every organization present brought something of interest to help support the safety issues of today's world that face every West Virginian.

WV Wing Hosts Brigadier General Antonio Pineda At 63rd Annual Conference and Banquet

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

The West Virginia Wing had the distinct honor and pleasure to host guest speaker, Brigadier General Antonio Pineda, at the recent 63rd Wing Conference and Banquet held at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, WV. Brigadier General Pineda's speech was enlightening and quite interesting. He touched on that wonderful Topic, "Freedom", sharing with those in attendance a part of his boyhood life's first-hand experience of one day realizing the American dream. At the time of his childhood, he was living in a country that was totally oppressed, and even as a young boy he was affected by the lack of freedom. One day his dream to live in a free country was fulfilled when at age thirteen he and his mother arrived in America. The room was filled with excitement and emotion as he shared his wonder of the moment of arrival in his new country. The WV Wing is proud and happy that that young boy was able to fulfill his dream, and become a productive American citizen and be elected as our new National Vice-Commander of Civil Air Patrol.

Other distinguished guests in attendance were: WV/CC, Col Rodney F. Moody, CAP, MER/CC, Col Charles S. Glass, CAP and MELR/CC, Lt Col Gerald E. Sohan USAF, WV-IMA, Lt Col Dale Olsen USAFR, and WV State Director, Lt Col Don Burke, USAF (Ret).

One hundred and sixty-nine members attended the conference that kicked off in the morning with Registration, a General Assembly and an Awards Ceremony. In the afternoon, members had the opportunity to attend their choice of three of twelve seminars that covered topics such as: Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, DDR, Finance, Safety, Communications, Flight Operations, Cadet Programs, Administrative Electronic Services, The Oshkosh Experience, Fuel for Health, and Professional Development.

The DDR Seminar given to CAP Cadets and Seniors, was presented by WV National Guard personnel, and was attended by Brig Gen Stanley Jaworski, Director of Operations (J-3), and Col Don Taylor, Director of Counter Drug Operations, National Guard Bureau, Washington, DC.

At the Banquet in the evening a Public Affairs historical video produced by Capt Jeffery E. Schrock, Wing Historian, was presented that featured coverage of West Virginia Wing events for 2004.

Some of the awards presented at the Conference and Banquet included: Cadet and Senior Promotions, Cadet and Senior Training Awards, Longevity Awards, Commander's Commendations and Appreciation Awards.

Three members were awarded a Commander's Special Commendation Award; the three awards went to Lt Col Eugene Thorn, for his work in Emergency Services, and to Maj John R. Heis and 1st Lt Ross A White for their dedication to the Aerospace Education Program. For several consecutive years, they both have spearheaded a road trip to Oshkosh, WI taking cadets to the largest air show in the United States.

The National Headquarters annual award for the Squadron of Merit was presented to the Mid Valley Composite Squadron and the West Virginia Wing Squadron of the year honor went to the Clarksburg Composite squadron.

Senior member of the year was Col Bobby R. Anderson Wing Director of Operations and the most outstanding Cadet in the WV Wing for 2004 was C/Capt Cody R. Pugh from the Parkersburg Composite Squadron.

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The Charleston Cadet Squadron Color Guard Presents the Colors to Open the 63rd West Virginia Wing Conference and Banquet
Pictured on the Dais Left to Right are: Lt Col Dennis D. Barron, WV/IG and CAP National DDR Officer of the Year; Col Charles S. Glass, MER/CC; Brig Gen Antonio J. Pineda, CAP/CV; Col Rodney F. Moody, WV/CC; and Lt Col David C. Brooks, WV/CV, Master of Ceremonies.

Exceptional Service Awards were awarded to Lt Col Dennis D. Barron, Wing DDR Administrator and Lt Col Connie S. Moody, Director of Administration and Personnel, WV Wing Headquarters.

A very special Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving was awarded to C/Lt Col Sterley C. Flanagan and C/CMSgt. Bradley C. Lilly of the Greenbrier Composite Squadron.

The Torch Award was presented by MELR/CC, Lt Col Gerald E. Sohan, USAF, to Cadet, C/Lt Col Michael L. Bennett, WV013, and to Senior, Maj Roger W. Mitchell, WV013.

Other unit awards included: Emergency Services Air Support Award; Martinsburg Composite Squadron. Emergency Services Ground Support Award; Morgantown Composite Squadron.

Other individual yearly awards included: Logistics Officer: Capt Donald G. Robbins, WV060; Aerospace Education Officer: Lt Col Earl R. Loew, WV040; Public Affairs Officer: 1st Lt John S. Carr, WV038; Communication Officer: 2nd Lt Donald A. Williams, WV040; Squadron Chaplain: Lt Col G. Brian Blair, WV040; Moral Leadership Officer: 1st Lt Gary W. Gourley, Sr.; Check Pilot: Lt Col Robert C. Beatty, WV049; Cadet Orientation Pilot: Capt Gerald T. Wedemeyer, WV038; Safety Officer: Lt Col Glenn L. Brooks, WV040.

Model Competition First Place Award winners were: Cadet Novice: Michael Chaney, WV099; Cadet Advanced: Randy Smith, WV093; Senior Advanced: 2nd Lt Toni Wrightsman, WV030; Best of Show: 2nd Lt Toni Wrightsman, WV030.



Col Bobby R. Anderson, WV001,
Receives the WV Wing Senior Member
of the Year Award



C/Capt Cody R. Pugh, WV040,
Receives the WV Wing
Cadet of the Year Award



Lt Col Rodney A. Moore, Commander,
Clarksburg Composite Squadron, Re-
ceives the Squadron of the Year Award



Lt Col Dennis D. Barron, WV001,
Receives the Exceptional
Service Award



Lt Col Connie S. Moody, WV001,
Receives the Exceptional
Service Award



C/Lt Col Michael L. Bennett receives the
Torch Award from
Lt Col Gerald E. Sohan, USAF



1st Lt and Mrs Ross A. White and
Lt Col Eugene E. Thorn at the Banquet



Cadets in Formal Dress
Prepare to Enter the Banquet



West Virginia Wing General Assembly
at the 63rd Conference

West Virginia Wing's First Cadet Leadership School Graduates Twenty-Two Members

Capt Jeffery E. Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

The West Virginia Wing completed its first Cadet Leadership Training Course, (CLTC), 3-5 December 2004. Twenty-two cadets, representing nine squadrons, successfully completed the grueling training course, completing a dozen different training modules.

Lt Col Dennis Barron, Course Director, remarked, "The cadets were an outstanding group, representing the best and the brightest cadets in our wing. All of the cadets did a superb job over the weekend and they worked hard at expanding their knowledge and enhancing their skills in leadership. The nine squadrons can be very proud of their representatives. "

Additionally, Lt Col Barron also stated, "I would like to thank my fellow instructors who participated in this course, Lt Col Connie Moody, Capt Debbie Boggs, and Capt Carol Martin, as well as the chaperones, Lt Toni Wrightsman and Lt James Childress, for helping to make this course so successful."

"It will increase and enhance their abilities to become successful leaders in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, as well as their communities," said Barron. He went on to state, "The cadets chosen to attend this course were identified by their unit commanders as present or future leaders of their units, and who possess the ability, desire, and motivation to advance within the cadet program."

Some of the course modules included Basic Leadership, Team Work, Group Decision Making, Drill and Ceremonies, Military Customs and Courtesies, Drug Demand Reduction, and much more.

A special thanks goes to the Wing Commander, Col Rodney Moody for supporting this new training course.

The evaluations filled out by the cadets at the end of the weekend indicated that they all had a great time at the training course and learned a lot of skills to bring back to the units. Cadets are required to brief their unit membership about their training and experiences in the course.

The WV Wing is tentatively planning another Cadet Leadership Training Course in April 2005. More information will be forthcoming about that course after the first of the new year.

Congratulations to all the cadets attending the 2004 Cadet Leadership Training Course for a job well done!



All Cadets from the CLTC Were Appointed Assistant Drug Demand Reduction Officers. The Cadet Graduates are holding a Brief Bag provided by the Drug Demand Reduction Program.

Muscular Dystrophy Telethon

Lt Col David Brooks and Maj Amelia Brooks represented the WV CAP at the National Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon on WTRF Channel 7 in Wheeling, WV during the Labor Day holiday. They assisted in answering the telephone and taking pledges from people in the Ohio Valley. The annual national event collected millions of dollars for one of the most worthy causes in the world. Locally the Telethon collected \$267,000.00 within a twenty-four hour period.

We are also proud that SM Frances Rayl, a new member of the Wheeling Composite Squadron, is the Coordinator and Master Tote Official in Wheeling, WV for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Appreciation Given to the Kanawha County Commission

SFO Amanda Brubaker
Public Affairs Officer
Charleston Cadet Squadron

On December 22, 2004 Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Morris presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Kanawha County Commission at their regularly scheduled public meeting. Receiving the certificate was the County Commission President Kent Carper. Also in attendance was the rest of the County Commission, which includes: Commissioner Henry Shores and Commissioner Dave Hardy. The presentation was made in response to the generous support that the County Commission has given to Charleston Cadet Squadron over the years. The funds and efforts were used to replace the communications equipment that was 40 years old.

The Charleston Cadet Squadron is very grateful to the County Commission for their time and efforts to help Civil Air Patrol. The Cadets and seniors of the unit are very proud to be serving Kanawha County and the State of West Virginia.

Flight on WWII Civil Air Patrol Operational Aircraft

Maj Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer

Recently, Lt Col David C. Brooks, Vice Commander, West Virginia Wing and Maj Bart Rogers, Commander, Martinsburg Composite Squadron had the opportunity to fly over the eastern panhandle of West Virginia in Capt Gene Roger's and Maj Bart Rogers's restored Stinson 10 aircraft.

During WWII, NC26265 was based and flew out over the Atlantic Ocean from Coastal Patrol Base Two at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on numerous sorties from March to May in 1942.. The purpose of these missions was to locate German submarines that were destroying shipping from the United States to the European allies during the War.

After the missions hunting German submarines were concluded, the aircraft was transferred to Langley, VA and used as a target towing aircraft in order to train anti-aircraft gunners.

Maj Bart Rogers and Capt Gene Rogers of the Clarksburg Composite Squadron should be congratulated for their work in preserving the living History of our organization.

Lt Col Brooks stated after the flight, "It was an honor to have the opportunity to fly in an aircraft that can trace its History back to those brave aircrews who flew 30 miles out over an open ocean in order to provide such an important service to our nation in time of great danger."



Maj Bart Rogers and Lt Col Dave Brooks prepare to Sortie the historic CAP Stinson 10 Aircraft



The Restored Stinson 10, N26265 painted in its Original Colors of an Operational Aircraft Assigned to Coastal Patrol Base Two, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Senior Promotions

To Lt Col: John L. Hollandsworth, WV038

To Capt: Brian L. Shatzer, WV060

To 1st Lt: Gary W. Bragg, WV100; James L. Childress, WV099; Arlon D. Doughton, WV093; Julius M. Layne, WV020; Mark R. Lewis, WV049; John E. Strovers, WV038; and Joseph A. Watson, WV099.

To 2nd Lt: Charles A. Aston, WV020; Amanda L. Bond, WV013; Paul A. Carmean, WV060; Brian L. Church, WV060; Christine C. Church, WV060; Peggy J. Cutlip, WV100; George P. Gragan, WV040; Helen K. Gragan, WV040; James P. Hale, WV099; Sean C. Hansen, WV020; Rebecca A. Jones, WV060; David A. McRobie, WV038; Ward D. Proffitt, WV093; Mikeel D. Rich, WV100; George H. Shively, WV093; Harold M. Sklar, WV038; Gordon L. Swartz, WV093; and Patricia M. Williams, WV020.

Senior Training Awards

Paul E. Garber Award: Lt Col John L. Hollandsworth, WV038; Lt Col Ronald L. Slaughter, WV001; and Maj Kathy L. Slaughter, WV001.

Grover Loening Award: Capt Bradford W. Williams, WV020; and 1st Lt James L. Childress, WV099.

Brig Gen Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award: Capt Vickie L. Bond, WV013; 1st Lt Brian L. Shatzer, WV060; 2nd Lt Louis J. Buantello, WV100; and SFO Amanda S. Brubaker, WV013.

Cadet Training Awards

Gen Ira C. Eaker Award: C/Lt Col Danielle M. DeAngelo, WV038; C/Lt Col Sterley C. Flanagan, WV100.

Amelia Earhart Award: C/Capt William C. Burdick, WV038; C/Capt Chad M. Cutlip, WV100; C/Capt Roger A. Pettit, WV013; C/Capt Justin R. Shirkey, WV113; C/Capt Timothy M. Wilhelm, WV038.

Gen Billy Mitchell Award: C/1st Lt Daniel L. Efaw, WV060; C/1st Lt Bradley C. Lilly, WV100; C/1st Lt Roger A. Pettit, WV013; C/1st Lt Darrell B. Strovers, WV038; and C/1st Lt Jessica A. Teubert, WV020.

DDR Essay Contest

Lt Col Rodney Moore, Commanding Officer of the Clarksburg Composite Squadron, presents Cadet James M. Walkiewicz with the first place prize in the statewide "Drug Demand Reduction Essay Contest". The contest was open to all cadets statewide with the first place prize being a \$100.00 gift certificate to the CAPMART bookstore.

The second place winner in the essay contest was Cadet Danielle DeAngelo also from the Clarksburg Composite Squadron; she won a \$50.00 gift certificate to the CAPMART bookstore. The third place winner was Cadet Caroline Peruci of the Parkersburg Composite Squadron who won a \$25.00 gift certificate to the CAPMART bookstore. The fourth place winner was Cadet Austin Ross of the Parkersburg Composite Squadron who won a CAP backpack. There were many entries this year, and each cadet who submitted an essay was given a DDR duffel bag and several other gifts. Congratulations to all of the cadets who entered the competition; all of the essays were excellent, and the judges had a very tough time selecting the top four award winners.



WV CAP Participates in the 2004 National Corrections and Law Enforcement Training and Technology Center Mock Disaster

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Maj Rick Heis, Commander, Morgantown Composite Squadron, Demonstrates the Use of Emergency Locator Direction Finding Equipment to Members of the Valley Grove and West Liberty Fire Departments During a Simulated Air Search With An Aircraft From the Clarksburg Composite Squadron. Capt Don Robbins of WV060 Participates in the Ground Training.



A Wheeling Composite Squadron Aircrew Composed of Col Gene Dalton, Lt Col Jim Atkinson, and 2nd Lt Larry Dotson Begin a Simulated Blood Delivery Flight From Wheeling To Charleston To Moundsville In Response to a Practice Chemical Spill in Moundsville, WV. Ground Support for the Mission was Provided by Lt Col Dave Brooks.

Wing Command Staff Completes Unit Visitations

By September of 2004, Lt Col David C. Brooks, CV, completed visiting all twelve units of the West Virginia Wing. The units received a briefing from the Vice Commander, and were given the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session. These visits were designed to add support to "all" units and are in compliance with the stated goals of the Wing Commander Col Rodney F. Moody.



Cadets Train at Greenbrier Squadron



Unit Members at Mercer Squadron



Members at Martinsburg Squadron listen to the Briefing



Cadets at Charleston Cadet Squadron Prepare to Start the Meeting



Lt Col Brooks answers a question at Boone Composite Squadron

UH-1 Helicopter Flights at Beckley, WV

C/TSgt James Lawson
Charleston Cadet Squadron

On Saturday, 18 December 2004, cadets from the Charleston Cadet Squadron and the Beckley Composite Squadron participated in helicopter flights. C/TSgt James Lawson, C/Amn Stephen Bumgardner, C/Amn Jonathon Ziegler, and several cadets from Beckley Composite Squadron flew in the UH-1s. The "Hueys" took the members for a ride over the New River Gorge. It was truly a wonderful time for everyone on board. The flights were provided by the West Virginia Army National Guard, to which all of the cadets and seniors involved would like to extend their thanks for the exciting trip.

Clarksburg Composite Squadron Cadets Receive Training Awards

1st Lt John Carr
Public Affairs Officer
Clarksburg Composite Squadron

Cadet Timothy M. Wilhelm received the "Amelia Earhart Award", and Cadet Darrell B. Strovers received "General Billy Mitchell Award" at the Annual Clarksburg Civil Air Patrol Christmas dinner held at the headquarters building in Bridgeport, WV.

Being such an important milestone in the CAP cadet program these awards are normally presented by a CAP group commander or higher, the wing director of cadet programs, or a state or federal government official. Mr. Ron Watson, Harrison County Commissioner, presented Cadet Wilhelm and Cadet Strovers awards to them.

By virtue of his progression in the cadet program, and receiving this award, Cadet Wilhelm was promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain. He lives in Fairmont, WV and just turned 20 years old. He attends West Virginia University, and has been in the Clarksburg Squadron for approximately five years. He is also a licensed private pilot earning his license at the age of 17. He was accompanied at the awards ceremony by his mother Sally Wilhelm, who is a registered nurse at Mon General Hospital and his father James Wilhelm who is semi-retired.

By virtue of his progression in the program, and receiving this award, Cadet Strovers was promoted to Cadet 2d Lieutenant. He lives in Mt Clare, WV and is 15 years old. He attends Bridgeport High School, and has been in the Clarksburg Squadron for just over two years. He was accompanied at the awards ceremony by his five year old sister Gina, who attends Heritage Christian School in Clarksburg, his mother Shirley, and his father John who both work at the FBI Center. His father John is also a member of the Clarksburg Squadron with the rank of 1st Lt.



Mr. Ron Watson Harrison County Commissioner
Presents the Amelia Earhart Award to
Cadet/Capt Timothy M. Wilhelm While his Parents
Mr. And Mrs. James Wilhelm Proudly look on.



Mr. Ron Watson Harrison County Commissioner
Presents the General Billy Mitchell Award to
C/1st Lt Darrell B. Strovers as his Sister Gina, and his
Parents Mr. And Mrs. John Strovers Proudly Look On
As Lt Col Rod Moore, Commander, Clarksburg
Composite Squadron Witnesses the Presentation.

Mercer Composite Squadron Cadet Presents High School Senior Project on Civil Air Patrol

2nd Lt Elwood Vaughn
Deputy Commander for Cadets
Mercer County Composite Squadron

Cadet 2nd Lt Randy Smith delivered his Senior Project at Bluefield High School on 4 January, 2005. The subject of his project was "The History and Mission of CAP. "

He spoke before a panel of two teachers and three CAP Senior Members; utilizing a Power Point presentation and a balsa model of a CAP airplane that he constructed himself. Cadet Smith explained the History of CAP and it's constantly expanding missions.

There were many questions from the audience and Cadet Smith fielded them all expertly.

Of great interest to all was the balsa model. This was Cadet Smith's first attempt at this type of model construction and the results were outstanding.

The Cadet's presentation was informative and professionally delivered; the panel was very impressed with his effort.

Cadet Smith plans to attend college next fall and after graduation, he hopes to join the USAF. The squadron is very proud of Randy and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

